

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7-11, 15-19 and 21-27 are pending, of which claims 8-11 and 17-19 are withdrawn from consideration. By this Amendment, claims 1, 15 and 21 have been amended solely to address the alleged claim objections, without the intention of changing the scope of the claimed invention. No claims have been cancelled or added.

Applicant submits that entry of this Amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 as the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; (b) do not present any new issues that would require further consideration and/or search as the amendments merely amplify issues discussed throughout the prosecution; (c) do not present any additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of claims; and (d) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary.

Accordingly, by entry of this Amendment, withdrawal of the claim objections is earnestly sought.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

If an extension of time is necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such an extension of time is hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any fees required (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 033975 (Ref. No. 061069-0318680).

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